

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The following remarks are responsive to the Office Action mailed November 1, 2007.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections

Claims 1 and 10 are rejected for lack of antecedent basis for the phrase, "the save state operation". Claims 1 and 10 are amended to correct this mistake.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the claims are presently in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. 102 Rejections

Claims 1, 3-6, 10, 12-15, 19, 21, and 23-26 and 30-33 are rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Juffa (U.S. Patent No. 6,247,117). Specifically, independent claims 1, 10, 19, and 25 are rejected as being anticipated by Juffa. Claims 1, 10, 19, and 25, as amended, claim, *inter alia*, that each reserved bit in the control register is to indicate or otherwise correspond to a unique function. The Office Action characterizes the exception taught by Juffa as an indication of whether a function is capable of being performed by the processor. However, Juffa does not teach reserved bits being manipulated in the manner claimed by Applicant, nor that these reserved bits are each indicative of a unique function supported by the processor, as presently amended. Accordingly, Applicant submits that amended claims 1, 10, 19, and 25 are not anticipated by Juffa.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits claim 1, 3-6, 10, 12-15, 19, 21, and 23-26 and 30-33 are presently in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. 103 Rejections

Claims 8, 9, 17, 18, 22, and 27-29 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Juffa (U.S. Patent No. 6,247,117) in view of "common knowledge in the art". Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are now moot in view of the above comments regarding independent claims 1, 10, 19, and 25. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 8, 9, 17, 18, 22, and 27-29 are presently in condition for allowance.

If there are any additional fees due, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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